

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/930,659	FLANAGIN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Ashok B. Patel	2154	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/20/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date <u>4/3/06</u></li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____.</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-37 are allowed.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ryan T. Grace on 06/01/2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

- a. In Claim 1, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable" and insert --and computer-executable instructions -- following " a data structure".
- b. In Claim 2, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- c. In Claim 3, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- d. In Claim 4, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- e. In Claim 5, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- f. In Claim 6, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- g. In Claim 7, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- h. In Claim 8, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- i. In Claim 9, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- j. In Claim 10, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"

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- k. In Claim 11, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- l. In Claim 12, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- m. In Claim 13, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- n. In Claim 14, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- o. In Claim 15, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- p. In Claim 16, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- q. In Claim 17, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- r. In Claim 18, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- s. In Claim 19, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- t. In Claim 20, line 1, insert -- storage -- following "computer-readable"
- u. In Claim 29, line 2, insert -- stored on computer storage medium --following  
" executable instructions"

#### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's arguments provided against the claim limitations in bold letters on page 10 are persuasive in Applicant's response dated 03/30/2006. No prior art of record teach or suggest the claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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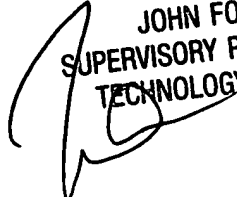
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ashok B. Patel whose telephone number is (703) 305-2655. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A Follansbee can be reached on (703) 305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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